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SHOULD HAVE FIRE INSPECTOR.

A leading business man of this city asks the Gold Leaf to call attention to the fact that Henderson is very much in need of a fire inspector and to urge upon the board of aldermen the importance of immediately appointing such an officer clothed with proper authority. A casual glance about the city will undoubtedly convince any thinking citizen that we are badly in need of a fire inspector with authority to compel people to clean up their premises and put them in order. It is surprising how many fire traps exist today right in the heart of the business section of Henderson, and almost every business house in the city is more or less endangered by them. Many of these fire traps exist on the inside of business houses, not to mention those in back lots. All that is needed to set Henderson ablaze right now and almost any day in the year is for some careless person to toss a lighted match or the stump of a cigar or cigarette in one of a hundred or more piles of accumulated trash or rubbish in some back lot, alley or elsewhere. This ought not to be the case in any progressive town or city. Suppose you constitute yourself a fire inspector of your own building and premises today and make a most thorough inspection of the same. If you should find them in good shape, so much the better for you. But you might be surprised to find how careless you have been with reference to this very important matter and from how many sources your building is in danger of being destroyed by fire at almost any time by the careless act of someone. We were very much surprised when we first learned that Henderson has no duly constituted fire inspector, and the appointment of such an officer ought not to be longer delayed.

North Carolina once had the unenviable distinction of being one of the most illiterate States in the union and in this respect stood almost at the bottom. But a great change for the better has taken place within the past few years, during which time it has made the proud record of building a new school house for every working day in the year and quadrupled the appropriation to its public schools. Probably in no State has there been a greater and more universal awakening as to the importance of public education. And while every North Carolinian should be proud of these facts, we should remember that there is still much room for improvement.

Commissioner Graham, of this State, thinks that the farmers of North Carolina are complying with the recommendation to hold cotton for a better price as well as those of any other State, or even better. There is now a concerted movement throughout the cotton growing states to induce the farmers to hold as much cotton as possible off the market until better prices prevail, and it is gratifying to know that the farmers of North Carolina are

NEED OF A CITY MARKET.

We have believed from the very start that Mr. Peace was everlastingly right in advocating a city market for Henderson. The market should be located in a convenient and suitable place not far from the center of the city, but not necessarily on the main street. It should be fully up-to-date and thoroughly sanitary in all of its appointments and should be under the constant attention of a competent meat and market inspector. Here is one of the present day needs of Hustling Henderson that ought not longer to be overlooked. A number of towns in North Carolina much smaller than Henderson already have their city market. In fact we do not know of another town in the State of ten thousand inhabitants that is without a city market. Shall we get busy and do something or shall we be content to sit still and bring up the rear of the procession in this important respect as well as some others? The Gold Leaf has nothing to say against the market men of Henderson. Indeed it has found them one and all to be nice fellows, and it has no doubt that they would all like to be located in far more suitable quarters where they could serve their customers in much better style. And the little shacks in which they are located at present are far from being creditable to a wide-awake city like Henderson. The trouble with us as a town is that while we are wide-awake in most respects, we are sound asleep in too many other particulars, and the lack of a nice city market, properly kept and supervised, is one of the latter.

THE FARMER'S WAREHOUSE.

Col. T. B. Moore, a successful farmer and prosperous citizen of Union county, who is here attending the Methodist Protestant Conference this week, said a thing in the Gold Leaf office yesterday that merits the careful consideration of every farmer in North Carolina. While discussing the low price of cotton he remarked that the farmers could talk and resolute and do everything else they pleased but that times would hardly be better with them until they adopted the warehouse system and every North Carolina farmer had a private warehouse in his yard and fill it full of home-raised corn, bacon and lard. In this view Colonel Moore is everlastingly correct, and most successful farmers of the State have already arrived at the same conclusion.

After all Statesville must be somewhat of a considerable rural town. We notice from the press dispatches sent out from that place that some carpenters while working on a dwelling house there the other day discovered a den of 'possums in the roof, and the gentleman residing in that house had been living in it for some time. The 'possum den had also been there for quite a while, and Mr. 'Possum had been passing in and out through a hole made for the guttering.

Mr. Joseph Pearson Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, died early yesterday morning at the home of Dr. J. McCampbell, superintendent of the State Hospital at Morganton. He had been in a very feeble state of health for a long time and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Caldwell's name will be handed down in the history of North Carolina as that of the ablest editor the State has produced.

The Alma Club met last Thursday with Miss Agnes Harris. The following program was carried out: New York, Mrs. R. M. Andrews; Wall Street, Miss Florence Currin; The Cathedrals of New York, Miss Rebecca Watkins; Washington, the National Capital, Miss Mariel Gary; Museum of Washington, Miss Agnes

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Prominent People Whom You Know and In Whom You Are Interested.

Mr. Bennett Perry spent Tuesday at Louisburg.

Mrs. C. H. Warrick is visiting friends at Norfolk.

Mrs. R. E. Farris visited relatives at Dabney last week.

Miss Lorine Dorsey is visiting relatives at Washington City.

Messrs. Austin and William Cheatham spent Sunday at Raleigh.

Mr. Lawrence Gleen spent part of last week with relatives at Oxford.

Mrs. M. P. Perry, of Macon, visited at Mr. N. B. Thomas' last week.

Mrs. R. G. Ellington visited Mrs. J. L. Cheatham at Durham last week.

Miss Fannie Gregory, of Oxford, visited at Mrs. Fannie Perry's last week.

Prof. R. C. Gresham attended the ball game at Wake Forest Saturday night.

Miss Maria Watkins visited her sister, Miss Lassie Watkins, at Raleigh last week.

Miss Nellie Glenn is visiting her grandfather, Mr. J. W. Brown, at Oxford.

Mrs. C. O. King and children, of Wise, have been visiting Mrs. J. A. Perry this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harton visited Mr. and Mrs. John Royster at Dabney Sunday.

Miss Margaret Pruden, of Edenton, has been visiting Mrs. C. H. Turner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. June Hardee, of Enfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hardee this week.

Mrs. Leon Joyner and children have returned home from a visit to relatives at Washington.

Miss Rosa Dunston and Miss Annie Gilliam, of Durham, are visiting relatives in Henderson.

Mrs. C. J. Edwards, of Alamance county, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Powell.

Mr. William Thorne and family, of Sandy Creek township, visited Mr. Eugene Thorne and family Sunday.

Mr. Cary Webster, of Orehill, has come to Henderson to make his home with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Spaulding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marrow left Monday for a visit of several days to relatives at different places in Florida.

Mr. J. B. Owen, president of the Citizens' Bank, has been attending the American Bankers' Convention at New Orleans this week.

Mrs. Martha Spaulding, of Norfolk, arrived last week and will spend the winter with her son, Rev. J. H. Spaulding, and family.

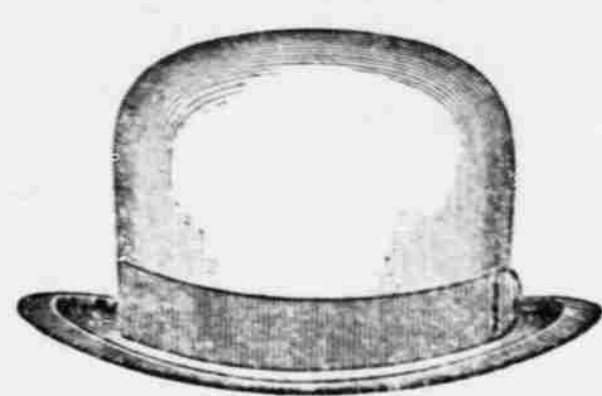
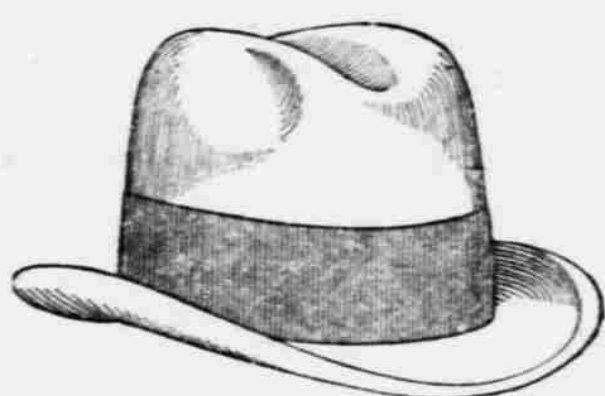
Mrs. R. H. Rigsbee, of Durham, and Mr. C. W. Newcomb, of Raleigh, visited Mr. A. P. Newcomb and family the past week.

Mr. George E. Stevenson, Jr., who has been spending some time with his brother, Mr. S. S. Stevenson, has returned to his home at Shawboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, of Underwood, Ind., who have been visiting at Mrs. Henry Pirie's, have returned to their homes.

Miss Genevieve Cooper left last week for Waco, Tex., to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Lucile Cooper, and Mr. Walter Lacy, which takes place on the evening of November 29th at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Genevieve is maid of honor.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band of the Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. S. McCain and held a very interesting meeting. Pursuing the study of China, the subject of the program, good papers were read by Miss Mary Perry and Miss Bertha Bunn. There had been arranged some special music for the occasion, consisting of vocal and violin, which was rendered by Misses Mildred and Irene Lewis, and several solos by others. Little Miss Helen Hobgood, the youngest of the guests present, who has on other occasions displayed wonderful musical talent for a child of her age, delighted the guests and hostess with some beautiful selections. The members were highly entertained by Mrs. McCain, who made it a most pleasant afternoon for all. This band of mission students is doing good work and the meetings are always in-

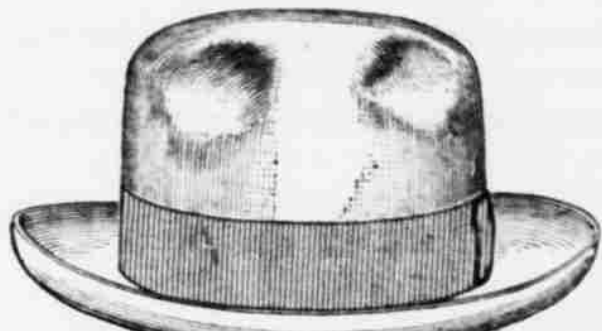
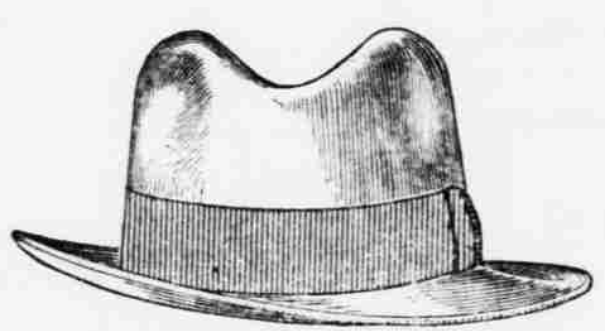


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The Excellent Woman.

Several villagers were discussing a departed sister, who had been given to good deeds, but was rather too fond of dispensing sharp-spoken advice.

"She was an excellent woman," said the deceased lady's pastor. "She was constantly in the homes of the poor and afflicted. In fact, she was the salt of the earth."

"She was more than that," remarked a villager. "She was the vinegar, the pepper and the mustard as well. She was a perfect crucet stand of virtues."

—Tid-Bits.

The way a woman knows its mice, not burglars, downstairs in the middle of the night is how anxious her husband is to go down to meet them.

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